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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SPAIN'S COMMENTS

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR SPAIN WHO EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT WE AND BRITISH MAY NOT BE ON SAME TRACK REGARDING OUR PRESENTATION TO THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS OF THE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE TRANSITIONAL MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN PARTICULAR, AMBASSADOR SPAIN IS CONCERNED THAT FRONTLINERS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE US FROM BRITISH BY FOCUSING ON DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE SUCH AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT TO NYERERE THAT THE NEW ARMY "WILL BE BASED PREDOMINANTLY ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT" AND PM CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT IN
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HIS LETTER TO THE FL PRESIDENTS THAT THE NEW FORCE WILL "BE BASED ON THE FORCES OF THE LIBERATION ARMIES." WE DO NOT VIEW THIS AS A MAJOR DIVERGENCE. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT CALLAGHAN WAS RELUCTANT TO MENTION SPECIFICALLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, BUT APPROVED SUCH LANGUAGE IN THE TALKING

POINTS FOR NYERERE. PRESUMABLY IT WILL BE THE FORMULATION USED IN THE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.

3. YOU ARE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN WE ARE TO DETERMINE WHETHER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH ON THE SPECIFICS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE INTERIM MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE CALLED FOR, OR WOULD BE USEFUL. WE WILL UNDERTAKE TO REFINE ANY ISSUES WHICH YOU CARE TO HAVE US FOCUS ON. HOWEVER, WE ARE OF GENERAL OPINION THAT ANY REMAINING OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF HOW THESE ARE PRESENTED TO THE FL PRESIDENTS WOULD BE BEST SORTED OUT WITH OWEN HIMSELF DURING TRIP TO LUSAKA. WE WOULD EXPECT THE ISSUES OF INTERIM MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY THAN IN LUSAKA. CHRISTOPHER

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